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In accordance with the *California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines* (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15088, the City of Seal Beach, as the lead agency, has evaluated the comments received on the Department of Water and Power Specific Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

The Draft EIR for the proposed Department of Water and Power Specific Plan Amendment (herein referenced as the project) was distributed to potential responsible and trustee agencies, interested groups, and organizations. The Draft EIR was made available for public review and comment for a period of 57 days. Note that CEQA only requires a public review period of 45 days; however, due to the holidays, the City extended the public review period for 57 days. The public review period for the Draft EIR established by the CEQA Guidelines commenced on November 14, 2011 and extended through January 9, 2012. The following public meetings for the EIR were held at the Seal Beach City Hall (located at 211 Eighth Street in Seal Beach) in order to gather information on concerns and issues that the general public may have regarding the project and the EIR:

- Environmental Quality Control Board (December 13, 2011)
- Archaeological Committee (December 14, 2011)
- DWP Committee (December 15, 2011)

The Final EIR consists of the following components:

- Section 2 – Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR
- Section 3 – Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Section 4 – Errata

Due to its length, the text of the Draft EIR is not included with this document; however, it is included by reference in this Final EIR. None of the corrections or clarifications to the Draft EIR identified in this document constitutes “significant new information” pursuant to Section 15088.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. As a result, a recirculation of the Draft EIR is not required.

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